

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The current status of all claims in the Application is as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An adapter ~~having an integrated ballast and starting arrangement for an annular fluorescent lamps lamp having a pin base for connecting the adapter to conventional incandescent lamp sockets~~, the adapter having comprising: a housing for accommodating the integrated ballast and starting arrangement and having two ends and a set-back section and including a concentric attachment ; having a screw or bayonet base for connection to a conventional incandescent lamp socket ~~,being attached to this the housing~~, the housing having a substantially cuboidal configuration and lying substantially within the space enclosed by ~~the an~~ annular fluorescent lamp, and a first and a second holder , which partially encloses the a pin base of the fluorescent lamp or the a discharge vessel of the fluorescent lamp, being attached respectively to each of the two ends of the housing, the first holder also containing a pin base socket for accommodating and making electrical contact with the ~~pin base~~ fluorescent lamp and the second holder having a sliding apparatus displaceably seated in the set-back section of the housing for locking the annular fluorescent lamp.

2. The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing of the adapter is assembled from a lower part, an upper part and a sliding part.

3. (CANCELED)

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5. (CANCELED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first holder with the pin base socket comprises ~~in each case~~ at least one extension, in the form of a hook, of ~~the~~ a lower part and at least one extension, in ~~the~~ a form of a hook, of ~~the~~ an upper part of the housing, which together enclose the fluorescent lamp in ~~the~~ a form of a semicircle.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second holder with the sliding apparatus comprises at least one extension, in ~~the~~ a form of a hook, of ~~the~~ a lower part of the housing, on which the fluorescent lamp rests, as well as ~~the~~ a sliding part, the sliding part having at least one extension, in ~~the~~ a form of a hook, for holding the ~~lamp~~ discharge vessel, resting on ~~the~~ an upper part of the housing and being capable of being displaced in ~~the~~ a direction of ~~the~~ a longitudinal axis of the housing for ~~the purpose of~~ locking the fluorescent lamp.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sliding part has a U-shaped cross section having ~~in each case~~ one rib which extends in the longitudinal direction of the ~~base~~ housing, close to ~~the~~ free ends of ~~the~~ two flanks, the rib engaging in a corresponding groove on ~~the~~ an inside of ~~the~~ side walls of ~~the base~~ a lower part of the housing.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sliding part has, on ~~the~~ two flanks, a locking part in ~~the~~ a form of a rectangular section which is cut out of ~~the~~ a flank wall and is fixedly connected to the flank wall only on ~~the~~ a side remote from ~~the base~~ a lower part of the housing.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 9, wherein the locking part has projections, in ~~the~~ a form of saw teeth, on ~~the~~ an outside, close to ~~the~~ an edge facing ~~the base~~ a lower part of the housing, which projections, when the adapter is assembled, engage in corresponding projections, in ~~the~~ a form of saw teeth, on ~~the~~ an inside of ~~the~~ side walls of the ~~base~~ lower part of the housing.